# The Crumb

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## Arrival Weekend Schedule and Reminders

**Saturday 6/28: New Student Arrival**

**9am-5pm** Registration, and room assignments (Inn)

**2pm-5pm** New student orientation, campus tour, and academic overview (Barn)

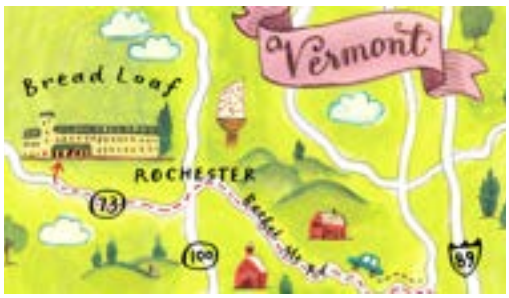
**8pm-9:30pm** Coffee Time (Barn)

**Sunday 6/29: Returning Student Arrival**

**9am-5pm** Registration, and room assignments (Inn)

**5pm-6pm** Opening reception and welcome (Tent)

**6pm-7:30pm** All-School picnic (West Lawn)




**Parking Notes:** Only park temporarily on Route 125 while checking in at the Inn and/or unloading.

Use the parking lot by the Barn if you plan to be here more than a minute.

Further info regarding arrival and campus resources can be found here.

## Welcome and Introduction

Welcome and welcome back to the Bread Loaf School of English Vermont campus! *The Crumb,* our daily newsletter, will be available in print Monday-Friday at lunch outside the cafeteria and online on BreadWeb.

My name is Emily Marmerstein and I am honored to be this year's Editor in Breadsidence! I have been teaching English for 15 years and currently reside at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio. During the school year I teach sophomore English, coach distance running, and am a dorm resident. I graduated from Bread Loaf in 2024 after spending 5 invigorating summers at the campuses of Santa Fe, Monterey, and Vermont. *The Crumb* is hopefully a source of information, inspiration, and amusement. Please email me at emarmerstein@middlebury.edu with your announcements, questions, photos, & contemplations.

# Key Information

## Meal Times

**Breakfast:** 7-8:30 AM

**Lunch:** 11:30-1:30 PM

**Dinner:** 5-7:00 PM

All meals are served buffet style. Please serve and clean up after yourselves.

## Who's Who on Campus?

**Dean:** Emily Bartels
**Director:** Lyndon Dominique
**DAs:** Mary Richards, Hillary Howard-Fredrick, & John Slaughter
**BLTN Director:** Beverly Moss
**BLTN Communications Director:** Tom McKenna
**Technology Specialist:** Caroline Eisner
**Admin. Director:** Dana Olsen
**VT Campus Coordinator:** Dianne Baroz
**Front Desk:** Victoria, Edward, Peter, Kalli, MacNair, & Matt

## Summer Mail Address

**For regular mail:**
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Ripton, VT 05766

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR EDITOR IN BREADSIDENCE!

Hello and welcome to the 2025 summer session here in Ripton, Vermont! Again, my name is Emily Marmerstein and I am your humble editor of *The Crumb*. The printed editions of this newsletter will be available outside the dining hall at lunch M-F and posted online on BreadWeb for your digital (and color!) reading pleasure. Please reach out to me at emarmerstein@middlebury.edu with any breadcrumbs and tidbits you'd like to share with the community.

If you have already seen me around campus, you may have noticed that I've got a bun in the oven! I'm told BLSE babies are called croutons, but at 25 weeks, this little guy is approximately the size of a hoagie roll. Currently accepting: parenting advice, snacks, and your Crumb announcements. Currently rejecting: waistbands, the word "popping" as a descriptor, and the passage of time.

## Today's Programming

### Program Fair: 11:30am-1:30pm

Come drop by to learn more about the resources that are available to you as a Bread Loaf student:

-The Acting Ensemble -The Writing Center

-Wellness -Counseling

-BLTN -The Letterpress Cabin. -HR

-Library -Technology. -Administration

### Senior Meeting: 5-6pm

**Seniors!!**
Your first meeting as a graduating class is tonight!

Come to Barn 101 to learn more about ordering your regalia, senior elections, and other summer events to commemorate your final Bread Loaf summer.

*If you are a senior living off campus, you are welcome to enjoy dinner in the dining hall following the meeting.*

### Featured Faculty Reading: David Bain Monday @ 7:30

"Joseph Battell and History of the Bread Loaf Campus"

Come learn about the history of our beautiful campus from David, who has been involved with the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference since 1980. Read more about David's time at Middlebury in this interview from 2013..

We're back!! Though you mightn't have fully unpacked nor read all your books for class, it's a rad time to submit to the **Bread Loaf Journal**. Send fiction, non-fiction, musings, and art—max 2,000 words f/cnf/etc/, 50 lines poetry; more deets in the email from Dana Olsen sent early June. Need inspo? Join us THIS WEDNESDAY at 7 for the first Journal Jam (low-stakes writing hang). Find Andy Marchesani (he likes snacks) and/or Cleo Aukland (possibly bigger fan of snacks?) for more details.

## HELLO FROM THE LIBRARY!

Welcome to the mountain, Bread Loafers! Please stop by the library to say hi, grab a free bookmark and some candy, and let us assist you with: wireless access; finding course reserves; requesting books to be delivered (speedy fast!) to the mountain; and printing. We'll post in the Crumb every Monday with new library tips to start your week. We're looking forward to meeting everyone -- happy first day of classes!

—Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)

## VERIZON USERS UNITE!

While Middlebury College upgrades its Verizon repeaters, you might have an opportunity to meet other Verizon users in the Verizon "hot spots" (first floor of the Inn and the Barn—closer to the tent is better). Meanwhile, we encourage you to use your phone's "WiFi calling" option to make and receive calls via the WiFi network. Student tech assistants and / or Middlebury College helpdesk staff are glad to help with WiFi connectivity.

Editor's note:
-did you know Kellam recently published a collection of poetry? It's fantastic and available in the Davison Library: *In the Cathedral of My Undoing*

## GOT TECH PROBLEMS?

We ('ve) got you. A representative from the Middlebury College IT department will be in the Apple Cellar Monday and Tuesday of this week to help with any Middlebury account access issues. Faculty members: Know that a member of the College's Media Services team will be standing by Monday and Tuesday (contact via Caroline Eisner) for any issues with classroom technology. Tom McKenna's here to help with BreadWeb. Coming soon: Intros to this summer's student technology assistants.

## GREETINGS FROM THE BREAD LOAF THEATER!

This summer, we'll be working on *Curse of the House of Atreus*, a new adaptation by Brian McEleney of three classic Greek tragedies, *Iphigenia at Aulis*, *Agamemnon*, and *Electra*. You can get a taste of what we're working on Thursday, July 3rd when we present the first section of our play "Iphigenia" in the Little Theatre. Also, please remember that ALL of our rehearsals are open to the public; we welcome visitors, and we rehearse Sunday - Friday nights, usually from 7-10pm. All we ask is that you please enter and exit the theater quietly. Lastly, we hope you will be interested in joining us for our community auditions on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00pm in the Little Theater. If you've ever wanted to join us on-stage in a wonderful adventure, this is your chance! See you at the theater!

## Get your 2025 Vermont t-shirts and totes!

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## WORD OF THE SUMMER: COMMUNITY

At Sunday's Welcome Reception, Dean Emily Bartels shared her hope for a summer centered around the word: community. She read a poem entitled *The Low Road*, reminding us both of our individual agency and collective force. The full poem can be read here, with the ending excerpted below:

> It goes on one at a time,
> it starts when you care
> to act, it starts when you do
> it again and they said no,
> it starts when you say *We*
> and know who you mean,
> and each day you mean one more.

**Reminder**: Submit to the Bread Loaf Journal! Send fiction, non-fiction, musings, and art—max 2,000 words f/cnf/etc/, 50 lines poetry. FAITHFULLY YOURS, Cleo and Andy

## Today's Programming

### BLTN Welcome Reception: 7-8:15pm

BLTN is BACK! Actually, we've been at it all year, and we're thrilled to be gathering together this summer. Meetings this July will be Tuesdays from 7-8:15 pm. All members of the BLSE community are welcome. (You don't have be a BLTN member, AND the first meeting will include some sweet treats.) Meetings are in Barn 101, unless otherwise noted.

# "Joseph Battell and History of the Bread Loaf Campus".

Last night, writer, teacher, and historian David Bain presented the foundation of our campus through the lens of the life and pursuits of its former land owner: Joseph Battell. Bain has also written a book detailing the history of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference: *Whose Woods These Are* (the title borrowed from a line in Robert Frost's *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*). Battell ensured the trees surrounding Bread Loaf Mountain were spared from logging devastation and deforestation by simply buying the forests himself so that the question "whose woods are these?" can be answered: ours.

*Some folks pay $10,000 for a painting and hang it on the wall where their friends can see it, while I buy a whole mountain for that much money and it is hung up by nature where everybody can see it and it is infinitely more handsome than any picture ever painted.-Joseph Battell*

In the spirit of Joseph Battell, please find two announcements below to help fellow mountain dwellers preserve the quiet contemplation and clean air Battell fought for.

## Shhh....

Have you seen the new "Quiet Tables" at the back of the dining room?

Please use these tables as a pause from conversation, a space to eat quietly, read, or complete work away from chatter. Please move any impromtu discussions that arise in this area to maintain the space for others!

Please make sure to read the Middlebury Student Handbook to familiarize yourself with the campus wide policies regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The administration wanted to remind us all of the specifics of the No Smoking Policy. We live in wooden buildings, which are particularly fire-prone! Please also be mindful that most windows remain open around campus and smoke travels beyond your immediate vicinity. This policy applies to both smoking and vaping.

**C.8. No Smoking Policy**

Smoking, including e-cigarette use, is prohibited in all Middlebury buildings and any part of a building structure such as porches, decks or balconies. This includes all residence halls and small houses occupied by students, as well as all indoor areas of Middlebury workplaces.

Smoking shall not take place within 25 feet of areas where smoke is likely to enter buildings. This includes building entranceways, near open windows, and especially near building air intakes. Additionally, in areas where there is a high frequency of problematic smoking, signs will be placed to remind community members not to smoke in that area. An annual reminder will be sent out at the beginning of the academic year and during summer programs to help to educate the community about these concerns.

Failure to observe this policy will be treated as a fire safety violation and may result in discipline and/or fines as appropriate.

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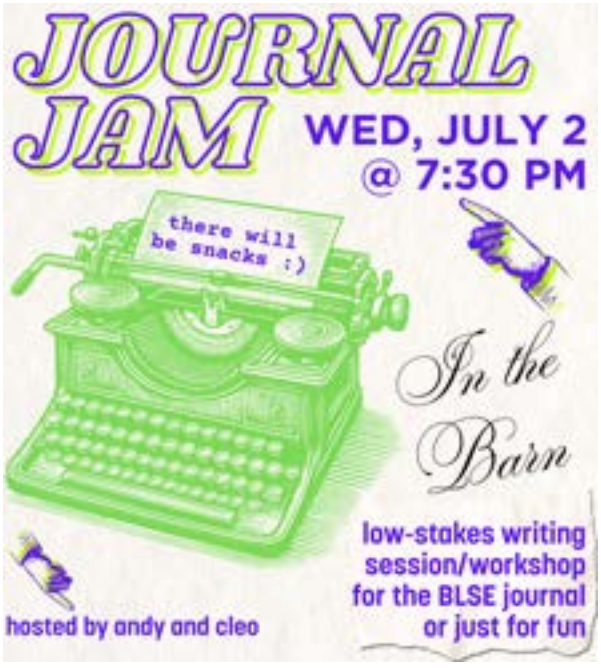
## Bread Loaf Campus Bookstore

Stop by the bookstore where we have lots of great books by Bread Loaf faculty, t-shirts, sweatshirts, office supplies and personal convenience products... We are tucked away in Barn East-come on down!

| Hours | |
|---|---|
| Monday | 9 am – 12 noon |
| Tuesday | 2 pm – 5 pm |
| Wednesday | 9 am –12 noon & 2 pm – 5 pm |
| Thursday | 2 pm – 5 pm |
| Friday | 9 am – 12 noon |


JOURNAL JAM
WED, JULY 2
@ 7:30 PM
there will be snacks :)
In the Barn
low-stakes writing session/workshop for the BLSE journal or just for fun
hosted by andy and cleo

## Today's Programming

### HR Document Verification: 1-3pm

Student employees, new faculty, and staff should bring required documentation to the Barn this afternoon if you have not yet completed your onboarding requirements. HR will be available to assisst with verification and can answer questions, show you how to mark your timecards, etc,

### Journal Jam: 7:30pm

For those needing creative writing time, an excuse to gather in the barn, or someone to read something over, join us for our first JOURNAL JAM TONIGHT at 7:30 PM. B THERE OR B SQUARE. there will be ~*snacks*~

# HEALTH AND WELLNESS FEATURE: MOVE THOSE BUNS!

Did you know BLSE students, faculty, and staff have access to the Middlebury campus fitness center & natatorium? We also have a humble setup below the barn with a few cardio machines and free weights!

**Fitness Center Hours:**
M-F 6am-9pm
Sat/Sun 9am-5pm

**Natatorium Open Swim Hours:**
M-F 8am-5pm
Sat/Sun 10am-3pm

## Saturday Hikes!

Each Saturday, Matt Fiorentino will lead a local excursion to help folks get off campus and among the flora and fauna. Past trips have included hikes, bikes, and swims. These trips are a great way to see the beautiful state of Vermont and bond with fellow Bread Loafers off the mountain.

**Saturday 7/5 @9:30am Falls of Lana and Silver Lake**

Our first excursion features New England biodiversity. We will hike through Northeast deciduous forest, visit pristine waterfalls (Falls of Lana) and picnic by a lake (Silver Lake). The trip is labeled "easy/moderate" with a total elevation gain only 1,000 feet on AllTrails.com. The only gear you need are comfortable shoes, a bathing suit, and a towel.

Each Saturday starting at 9:30, feel free to prepare a lunch in the dining hall before we promptly depart from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 A.M. You do not need to drive. The school van accommodates up to thirteen people and you can sign up at the Front Desk. You can obviously procure your own ride, as well, and follow the van. All excursions wrap up time-appropriately and we return well before dinner.

## Zumba!

Perhaps you've heard Shakira's call or seen us "getting ready to ride" on the tennis courts...Join the Zumba at Bread Loaf group on BreadWeb to get the updates on when we'll be moving and grooving next! Many thanks to Brenna T. for offering this humbling and joyful experience on campus!

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## Today's Programming

### Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble presents: "Iphigenia in Progress" 5-6pm

Please join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble on Thursday July 3rd to get a taste of what we're working on this summer! We'll be presenting "Iphigenia: In Progress", the first third of our summer production. This section follows Agamemnon as he faces the torturous decision whether to sacrifice his daughter, Iphigenia, to Artemis in order to allow safe passage of the Grecian troops to Troy amidst the pressures of war. We'll begin the presentation at 5:00pm in the Little Theater (no tickets, just come on over!) Hope to see you there!

### Students of Color Welcome Reception 7-8pm

The Bread Loaf Director, Lyndon Dominique, will will host a reception to meet and greet new and returning students of color tonight at Treman (the third yellow house with the large side porch across the road from the Inn). Come and learn more about the Students of Color Group and activities on the mountaintop.

### Contra Dance-Red Dog Riley 8:30-10:30pm

TAKE A CONTRA-CHANCE! Out of Cornwall, VT, Red Dog Riley will perform and teach our light-footed Loafs how to contra dance. What is contra dance, you wonder? A descendant of English and French country dancing, it is an American form that uses a "caller" to guide dancers from move to move. Join us from 8:30-11 pm to enjoy music and movement!

# Friday Morning Workshop and Training

**Belonging at Bread Loaf: Words that Matter!**

Join us Friday from 9am to 12pm for a lecture and conversation with Dr. Michelle Robinson (Spelman College) and Dr. Sheila Carter-Tod (University of Denver) centering around the subject of belonging in the Bread Loaf community. We see this workshop as an extension of the work we did last year with a focus on this current socio-political moment, where words are under attack. Words are a powerful tool against oppression, which is precisely why practices rooted in white supremacy seek to exalt control over them.

These sessions will be focused on an exploration of words, hopefully with an activist oriented outcome as our summer engagement project.

**Writing Center Training**

Writing Center Peer Readers: Get Ready!

Every summer on the Mountain, BLSE students support each other in their brainstorming and writing processes at the Ken Macrorie Writing Center-located in The Annex!

This Friday, prospective peer readers will meet in the Davison Library Conference Room (2nd Floor) for a mandatory training. From 9:30-4:00, we'll study and practice writing conference craft so that we can better serve our fellow BLSE writers.

On Monday, look for a link in The Crumb to schedule a conference with a trained peer reader!

**Get your 2025 Vermont t-shirts and totes!**
Orders are due by **midnight on Sunday, July 6th** and can be placed through this link or the QR code below:

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# Make an Impression!

Letterpress printing lives! Sign up for personalized sessions at the Printers' Cabin. The Printers' Cabin is managed by Nyna Cole, and Ella Saslow is our work-study deputy. Folks who visit the cabin should have projects in mind, and ideally there projects should be relatively short: for example, a poem, an inspirational statement, a personalized notecard. Nyna and Ella can also teach students how to carve and print linoleum blocks. Sign-up sheets for cabin-time will be posted outside the dining room every Sunday.

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The session focused on an exploration of words, and tomorrow's work will continue with an activist oriented outcome as our summer engagement project.

### Middlebury Tour tour led by Matt Fiorentino 1:30-3pm

The tour will include Middlebury College locations of interest and downtown Middlebury-the bookstore, library, shops, restaurants, grocery stores, etc. We will finish up at the iconic Ripton Store on the way back up the mountain. Matt is a double Middlebury grad and well versed on college and town. Carpooling is encouraged but the Front desk van will also have eleven spaces available on a first-come first-served basis (sign-up at front desk). Van will leave at 1:30 pm from the front of The Inn. Carpoolers should meet at the front of the Inn to follow the van down to the main campus.

### Music Night-The Jazz Collective 8:30-10:30pm

Gather in the Barn for an evening of snacks and schmoozing, accompanied by background music from the Middlebury Jazz Collective.

# Weekend Activities

**Belonging at Bread Loaf: Workshop**
**Saturday 9am-12pm**

After the critical dialogue that took place this morning, it is time for us to put our words into practice. Join us on Saturday, July 5th from 9am-12pm. During this hands-on workshop, you can expect guidance from engaged and strategic leaders as well as collaboration with your community members. Learn about and create lesson plans, activities, and processes for your classroom or institution that foster strong connections and a better sense of belonging for all. Let us come together as a Bread Loaf community. All are invited regardless of attendance at Friday's lecture. Bring your laptops, notebooks, as well as open minds and hearts. See you there!

**Movie Night: Hosted by Tyler Curtain 8:30-10:30pm**
***The Lost Boys* (1987)**

"When a recently divorced mother and her two teenage boys move to a coastal town to stay with her father, it doesn't take long for the brothers to realize the area is a haven for something much more sinister than party-going surfers." - IMDB

Professor Curtain will introduce the film by talking about its place in the history of Hollywood and Horror. Stick around afterwards to discuss with folks how we might best understand what the film means, as well as its ongoing significance.

**Saturday 7/5 @9:30am Falls of Lana and Silver Lake**

Our first excursion features New England biodiversity. We will hike through Northeast deciduous forest, visit pristine waterfalls (Falls of Lana) and picnic by a lake (Silver Lake). The trip is labeled "easy/moderate" with a total elevation gain only 1,000 feet on AllTrails.com. The only gear you need are comfortable shoes, a bathing suit, and a towel.

At 9:30, feel free to prepare a lunch in the dining hall before we promptly depart from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 A.M. You do not need to drive. The school van accommodates up to thirteen people and you can sign up at the Front Desk. You can obviously procure your own ride, as well, and follow the van. The excursion wrap up time-appropriately and we return well before dinner.

Tennis players, channel your inner Gauff or Alcaraz and sign up for Wimbleloaf 2025 by Sunday. Signup sheet on bulletin board as you enter the dining hall.

# Blue Parlour

Looking for a place to share your creative writing this summer? Look no further than Blue Parlor (...but actually in the Barn!). This is a student-led reading for all genres that takes place every Sunday evening at 8:30. Sign-ups take place the old-fashioned way as a sheet on the bulletin board outside of the dining hall. Each reader should plan to take no more than 10 minutes to read aloud to ensure we have enough time for all readers to share. The theme—to be adhered to as loosely or strictly as you choose—is **arrivals/unexpected guests**. Contact this year's host, Andy, at amarchesani@middlebury.edu with any questions. We can't wait to hear your work!

Limericks about Larch? Fiction on Frost? Ballads of the Barn? Submit these and other works to the Bread Loaf Journal by 7/10, and join for the next JOURNAL JAM on Sunday 7/6 @ 7 PM b4 Blue Parlor.

**Crumb Announcement Policy**

*The Crumb* publishes BLSE program events; if you would like to post an announcement about your own event, please feel free to use the bulletin board outside the dining hall, BreadWeb, posters, letterpress ephemera, or other means!

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## Today's Programming

### "B-SIDE" ARCHIVE of the Living Theatre

Notice the bed in the dining hall? Come take a look! Bread Loaf will host an installation of the Living Theatre's "B-side" archive -- dedicated to radical theatre archivist and Living Theatre member Tom Walker's life in the theatre. This innovative and interactive exhibit, in conjunction and in conversation with Monday night's Drew Lecture by Cindy Rosenthal (whose scholarly work has centered on experimental theatre collectives) will be located in the dining room and the Barn, beginning on Monday and through Tuesday evening.

### Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture & Booksigning: Cindy Rosenthal 7:30-9pm

Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble member Cindy Rosenthal will be sharing a version of an essay from her new book, *Late Stage*, about the performance of age, which will be published in February 2026. Her lecture, "'The Triumph of Time': Utopic Visions of Judith Malina's Late Performances" focuses on the last decade of Malina's life in the theatre. Judith Malina was a renowned activist artist -- a director, actor, playwright and diarist, who co-founded the radical collective, the Living Theatre in 1947. Her pacifist/anarchist/utopia-inspired theatre work continued to evolve in her last years, challenging the decline narrative of aging in her later performances. The spirit of her work, which was "to set an example" by putting her body on the line, raising her voice and engaging with others whenever and wherever she saw injustice and oppression may be more important than ever right now.
Cindy's book, *Ellen Stewart Presents: Fifty Years of La Mama Experimental Theatre*, will be sold at the event!

# Noise Policy and Quiet Hours

**Student Handbook Noise Policy**

Middlebury seeks to promote the quiet, comfort, and health of the campus, and surrounding communities. Students are required to be considerate of others with respect to noise in the residence halls.
Students should neither cause nor condone excessive amounts of noise, but should strive to be considerate and respectful of others and to be good neighbors.

Conduct that creates a public disturbance in a residence hall or interferes with another student's ability to study is prohibited.

**Campus Quiet Hours**

- To promote an environment that is conducive to study, we require that all campus dorms be "quiet" from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am every day, even on weekends. This includes dorm porches.
- For all times and dorms, please use headphones when using a sound-producing device.
- You may use the Barn social space or nearby tent to congregate during quiet hours, but please keep the noise down since sound travels easily on and beyond our campus.

## Library items delivered to Davison!

Need a library item that lives down on the main campus? Go to MIDCAT (go/midcat/), sign in with your Middlebury credentials, locate the item (by searching for author, title, etc.), and click the title. Then click "Hold item for pick up" and select "Davison Library (Bread Loaf)" as the pick up location. Need an item that isn't found in MIDCAT? Request it through Interlibrary Loan: go/ill/. As always, the library staff is here to help so please don't hesitate to be in touch!

## Audition Week!

Have you ever wanted to be in a play? Would you like to join the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble onstage this summer? Join us at our COMMUNITY AUDITIONS for *Curse of the House of Atreus* on Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00pm in the Little Theater! Please bring a Shakespeare monologue of your choice to read aloud - you do NOT need to memorize it. If you have an instrument, please bring it with you. No previous acting experience required. Hoping to see you there!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE BREAD LOAF STAGE?
CURSE OF THE HOUSE OF ATREUS
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# The Writing Center is Open!

Every summer on the Mountain, BLSE students support each other in their brainstorming and writing processes at the Ken Macrorie Writing Center. (Located in the Annex!)

Schedule your first session today! Either:
1. Scan this QR Code and reserve an hour with a Peer Reader or
2. Stop by the Writing Center during our walk-in hours: Monday through Saturday, 9:00a - 11:00a, 1:00p - 4:00p.

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Cleo and Andy (Clandy) want those good words and art. Give them to us.
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~B R E A D L O A F J O U R NA L~ !

## Today's Programming

### BLTN Meeting: 7-8:15pm

**BLTN: Act II**
The BLTN characters have been introduced and now the plot thickens. We'll meet Tuesday night at 7pm in Barn 101 for a meeting in which we'll hear from a group of experienced collaborators, and otherwise set the stage (and a compass course!) for collaboration planning. All are welcome.

### Auditions! 7-10pm
### *Curse of the House of Atreus*

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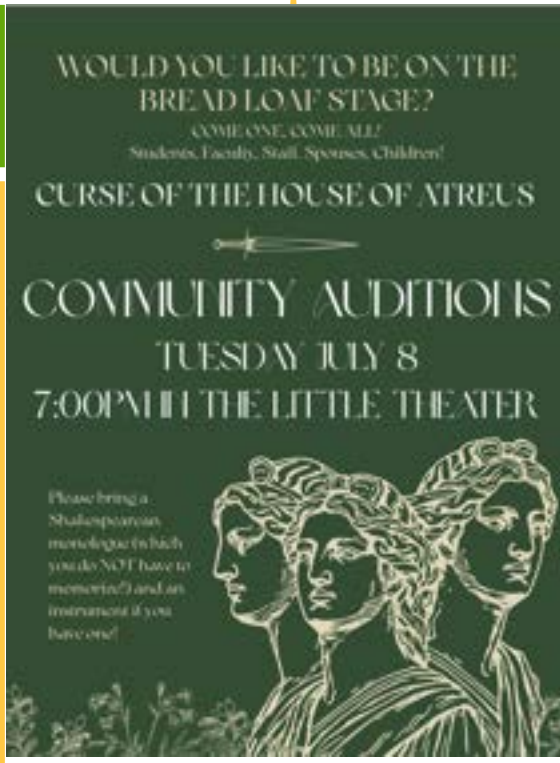
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COME ONE, COME ALL!
Students, Faculty, Staff, Spouses, Children!
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# Parking Policy

-Students should park in the Barn lot.

-Parking behind the dining hall/Larch is reserved for dining staff only.

-Parking on Route 125 is for short-term use only.

Thank you!

# Poetry Feature: The Bredlik

This Sunday, at our first Blue Parlour reading, Jenna Russell used her time at the podium to both instruct and delight by teaching the audience a new form of poetry: the bredlik. The original poem was written by Sam Garland responding to a headline detailing his stepfather's failed kitchen inspection after the inspector observed a cow wandering in and licking the bread loaves that had been set out to cool.

## The rules of bredlik

Technically bredlik is four lines (two rhyming couplets) in iambic tetrameter, or two stanzas of four lines each in iambic diameter with an ABCB rhyme scheme.

*my name is Cow,*
*and wen its nite,*
*or wen the moon*
*is shiyning brite,*
*and all the men*
*haf gon to bed —*
*i stay up late.*
*i lik the bred.*

### End rhyme

Every other line in a bredlik poem rhymes, and there are two rhyme sounds to the poem.

In the original: Nite/brite, and bed/bred.

### Iambic Diameter

Each line of bredlik scans u/ u/

Ex: my NAME is COW. u / u /

Four beats, with beats 2 and 4 stressed.

### Spelling

Mispelling words is typical of the bredlik poem, but spelling choices should not leave your reader having to guess at the pronunciation!

### "My name is _____"

The first line should read: "my name is ____"

Can you guess which famous poem inspired this bredlik??

*My nayme is Bird*
*and wen it's nyte,*
*a dozing man*
*I giev a fryte.*
*His weary mynde*
*evokes Lenore,*
*I play a trick,*
*I tap the door.*
*@klarastjarnljus*

Send me your bredliks! I will post those I receive in a future edition of The Crumb :)

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@middlebury.edu

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## And here is Jenna's fabulous poem "My name is Bat" inspired by our recent barn guest

my name is Bat
and at the danss
where evrywun
wor skirts and pants

I drest in black
and flew around
to ecko back
their danssing sounds

wen I arryved
I heard them shriek
must be becuzz
I looked so sleek!

then saturdae
was movee night
about vampyres
who like to byte!

they CHOSE that just for ME, I thynk -
no need to play it cool!
wink wink.

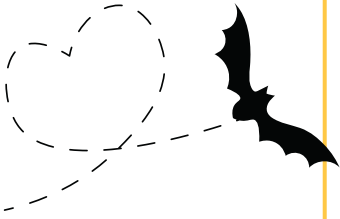
I swoop
they scream?
they leev the room...
sumbuddee goes to grab a broom

they're scared of me?
this can't be so
they're my best frenz
or don't they kno

I go here too
the barn's my home
throughout the yeer
I'm forst to roam

until thees months
wen frenz come back
and all of us
can take a whack

at sumthing new.
we take a chanss.
my name is Bat.
I came to danss.



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Friday night dinners will be served outdoors for the rest of the summer-buffet style-behind the Inn.

## Today's Programming

### Scholarship and Fellowship Reception 5-6pm

Tonight's reception is an opportunity to celebrate those who have received a scholarship, fellowship, or special award for their Bread Loaf studies this summer.

Enjoy appetizers in the tent and raise a glass to toast the many folks on campus receiving special recognition!

### Belonging at Bread Loaf Student Discussion 7-8pm

For those who were present and able to attend, we experienced an amazing kickoff to our *Belonging at Bread Loaf: Words that Matter* initiative. In these sessions, we celebrated the spirit of activism and advocacy that dwells among us here on the mountain. This summer our follow-up meetings will be held to cultivate that spirit of activism. Our first follow-up is this evening. Please bring your spirits and your composing devices to the Barn for our first "Teaching IS Protest" session. Let's partner with likeminded activist and advocates and create a digital repository of resistance.

### Final Journal Jam 8-9pm

What's a Journal Jam? Not just a creative way to break a printer. Low-stakes creative hang with snacks, eager readers, and collaborators!

Come chill 7/9 @ 8 PM

# Outside Guest Policy

While we are happy to welcome BLSE alums and other outside guests to the Monday night readings and to the theater performances at the end of the summer, all other campus events (meals, classes, workshops, dances, parties) are open only to students, faculty, staff, and/or family members of our current Bread Loaf Vermont community.

Thank you!

HEY!

SUBMIT TO THE BREAD LOAF JOURNAL!

submissions accepted until july 10 at 11:59 pm
but pls pls submit before then :)

## Friday Music Night: Musicians Needed!

Bangin' on the trashcan? Drummin' on the streetlight?

Bread Loaf Music Night is calling you, calling **you**!

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the dining hall if you would be interested in playing music as part of an open mic night this Friday (July 11th).

## Leave your baggage (and backpacks) at the door!

The dining hall kindly asks that folks leave backpacks and shoulder bags in the foyer or at the tables. Please don't enter the food line with bags!

Backpacks make it difficult for the serving line workers to maintain the line and refill food! Thank you!

# Bocce Tournament

Sign up on the bulletin board!

**Basic Gameplay:**

1. Starting: One team throws the pallino (a smaller target ball) onto the playing field
2. Alternating Throws: Players from each team take turns rolling their bocce balls, aiming to get them closer to the pallino than the opposing team's balls.
3. Scoring: After all balls have been thrown, the team with the closest ball to the pallino scores one point for each of their balls that is closer than the opponent's closest ball.
4. Winning: The first team to reach a predetermined number of points (e.g., 12) wins the game.

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If you submit to the Bread Loaf Journal, please be advised you will be congratulated, celebrated, and rejoiced. Submission deadline is **TONIGHT** at midnight!!!!! yee haw!!!

The Front Desk would like to remind folks to check mailboxes!! We have some that are overstuffed already!

## Today's Programming

| Students of Color Meeting 7-8pm | Pre-Pond Reading Reception 8:30-9:30pm | Pond Reading 9:30-11pm |
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| Please note that this week's meeting will take place in the Blue Parlour! | Gather in the Barn for beverages prior to this week's Pond Reading. Bring your IDs!! | This week's Pond Reading is hosted by BLSE Mentors!<br>Skit ☑ Smores ☑ Say no more!<br>**Due to inclement weather we will be in the Barn** |

# Alcohol Policy

**The following actions are prohibited:**

-Underage drinking. Only persons of legal age (21 or older in the United States, and as defined by the laws of a foreign host country) may possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Legal proof of age, such as a valid driver's license, state-issued liquor identification card, or passport is required!

-Bringing alcohol to a Middlebury or Bread Loaf event, or leaving a Middlebury or Bread Loaf event with alcoholic beverages provided at the event. Only alcohol served at a Middlebury/Bread Loaf sponsored event is permitted at those events.

**TLDR: Bring your IDs in order to be served, do not bring outside alcohol to events, and drinks must be consumed at the BLSE event where served.**

Thank you!

# Friday Workshop Previews!

### Bookbinding w/Nyna Cole

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### Become a Podcasting Star (or Teach Your Students How To) w/Ron Schachter

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- Finding your podcast topic(s)
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- Introduction to editing sound files
- Planning the components and scope of your podcast

Fellow Bread Loaf student Ron Schachter brings 25 years as a national correspondent for National Public Radio, while teaching college journalism along the way. Stop by for a look and a listen.

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### Karaoke 8:30-10:30pm

*What's your karaoke song?!*

Come to the Barn to belt it out, sing along in the audience, and join the fun!

# Weekend Activities

## Saturday Excursion: Burlington!

This week we will venture to Burlington. Whether you want to take advantage of biking the Burlington Greenway, walking the trail, or ambling around lakeside and downtown, we are going to visit Vermont's most populous city. Daily bike rentals from numerous shops are available on the spot and do not exceed $35.

However you may want to enjoy your Saturday in Burlington, the van leaves from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 AM and returns by dinner. Feel free to prepare a bagged meal in the dining hall, starting at 9:30, and remember what you need for the day before we leave: comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, and a layer.

Sign-up at the Front Desk to reserve your seat!

## Saturday Barn Dance: 80's

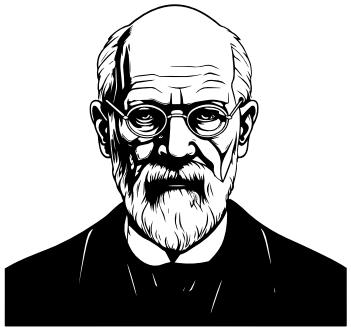
**Bust out your leggings, headbands, and high ponytails for a totally rad night of 80's fun!**

**DJ legend Tim Milner will set the tunes so you can move and groove-righteous!**

**Please note there will be backlights and strobes if you are sensitive to bright lighting.**

## Blue Parlour

Sunday night is Blue Parlor in the Barn. This week's theme is **altered ego**. So bring your poems, stories, songs, etc that deal with the second self / Freudian circumstances / or whatever. Sign up on the bulletin board. We will start at 8:30 pm.
A très bientôt!



The Front Desk would like to remind folks to check mailboxes!! We have some that are overstuffed already!

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**"Pursuing Patrick" Cynosure Lecture & Book Signing: Dr. Eric Pritchard**
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**"Pursuing Patrick"**

In this talk Dr. Eric Pritchard will reflect on my more than a decade of work excavating and documenting details about the life and work of fashion designer Patrick Kelly, the first American admitted into the Chambre Syndicale du Prêt-à-Porter des Couturiers et des Créateurs de Mode, the prestigious and exclusive French fashion association.

-How did a Black boy raised in a working poor family in Vicksburg, Mississippi accomplish such a fete?

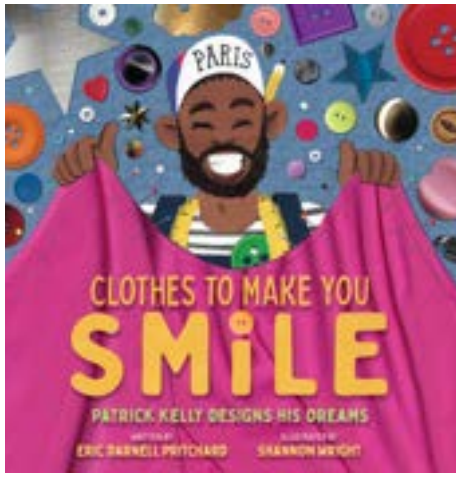
-What does his singular visual vocabulary - a melange of references to the South's Black poor and working, popular culture, queer nightlife, and theater - allow us to engage and untangle about the complex relationship between art and commerce, particularly when the art is to be worn and brought to life on limb?

Considering these questions and others, the lecture will preview both of Pritchard's forthcoming books on Kelly. The picture book biography Clothes to Make You Smile: Patrick Kelly Designs His Dreams (Abrams, 2026) and the adult nonfiction biography Abundant Black Joy: The Life and Work of Patrick Kelly.

# Eric Pritchard

Eric Darnell Pritchard is an award-winning writer and cultural critic whose work centers on the intersections of fashion, identity, and power and its intersections with literacies, rhetoric, and performance. They are the Brown Chair in English Literacy and Associate Professor of English at the University of Arkansas, where they also are the Founding Director of the Community Literacies Collaboratory. Author of the award-winning book Fashioning Lives: Black Queers and the Politics of Literacy, Eric's writings have appeared in numerous scholarly and popular volumes including The New York Times, Harvard Educational Review, The International Journal of Fashion Studies, Visual Anthropology, Public Books, Ebony.com, and The Funambulist (Clothing Politics Vol. 1 and Vol. 2). They have also authored several essays in catalogues for fashion and contemporary art exhibitions at numerous museums including Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum, de Young Museum, The Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology, and the Fuller Craft Museum. Eric is the author of two forthcoming biographies about fashion designer Patrick Kelly. The first, the picture book biography Clothes to Make You Smile: Patrick Kelly Designs His Dreams, is forthcoming in January 2026, followed by Abundant Black Joy: The Life and Work of Patrick Kelly, an adult nonfiction work

**In celebration of the Cynosure Lecture, Abrams Books invites you to enjoy 25% off your purchase of Clothes to Make You Smile with discount code: KELLY25. *Offer ends 8/9/25, 11:59PM EST. Exclusions apply. Not combinable with other discount codes.**




## Open Rehearsals in the Little Theater!

Have you walked by the theater lately and heard cries of actors begging for the help of the gods? General calamity and ruckus? Want to watch? Stop in and check it out! All rehearsals in the Little Theater are open to the Bread Loaf community. Rehearsals run from 4-6pm and 7-10pm Sunday through Friday. Come in anytime and have a seat; you won't be interrupting! All we ask is that you please enter and exit the theater quietly. Hope to see you there!

## The Library Can Help with Research!

Are you brainstorming paper topics and wondering where to find books and articles in support of your work? We're here to help. First, please visit the BLSE LibGuide (go/blseguide/) which highlights many of the library resources at your fingertips. Then, visit LibrarySearch (go/librarysearch/) which searches everything at Middlebury including books, journals, databases, newspaper articles, book reviews, and much more. There's an abundance of resources out there, and the Library staff can help you find what you need.

## A Request from the Front Desk:

Going off campus? Let the Front Dest know if you're leaving for a longer trip-weekends away, taking a hike, or anything else beyond the typical jaunts down the mountain. We care about your safety!
Thank you!!

## A Request from your Editor:

Want to see yourself and your friends in the dining hall slideshow?! Send me your photos!

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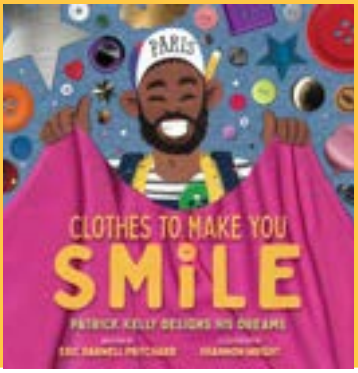
Are you subscribed to the Poetry Daily emails? If so, you may have seen that today's featured poem is written by our Davison Library hero: Kellam Ayres! Click here to read the poem. Congratulations, Kellam!!

### Lunch Conversation with Dr. Eric Pritchard Hosted by Students of Color 12-1:30pm

Join the Students of Color for an open lunch discussion with Dr. Eric Pritchard following Monday's Cynosure lecture. There will be tables set-up for anyone to join in community and conversation with Dr. Pritchard.




### BLTN Meeting 7-8:15pm

The Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN) will hold its **Tuesday, July 15th meeting from 7:00-8:15 in the Barn**. This week's meeting will feature Marisa Harris, Dyllan Moran, and Emma Pampanin who will present on "Mapping Space: The Process of a Collaborative Project and its Generative Potential." BLTN are also pleased to welcome Dr. Eric Darnell Pritchard, the University of Arkansas Brown Chair of Literacy Studies, who will present on "Heart Work": How Community-Accountable, Black Feminist Love Ethics Guide the Community Literacies Collaboratory." Everyone in the Bread Loaf Community is welcome.

# Wellness Feature: Beat the Heat with Cool Dips!

Looking for a way to stay cool this summer? Check out a few of the local swimming spots on this page, and don't forget about the creek across the meadow! Always check water depth before cliff jumping.

## Warren Falls

Driving distance from campus:
30 mins
Features: cliff jumping, shallow areas for sunbathing, designated parking lot.
Nearby attractions: Lawson's brewery, Mad Taco, and Warren, VT

## Bristol Falls

Driving distance from campus:
30 mins
Features: cliff jumping and swimming
Nearby attractions:
The Tillerman,
Bobcat Cafe and Brewery
Hogback Mountain Brewing Co.

## Pleiad Lake

Driving distance from campus: 3 mins
Features: large lake for swimming,
ample rock face for sunbathing and reading,
note a .5 mile hike from the parking area.

## The Gorge

Driving distance from campus:
5 mins (this is on route 125 just after the bridge in East Middlebury. Park along 125.)

Features: Rocky beach, some rock jumping, both shallow and deep spots for foot soaks or submersion.

## Kingsland Bay

Driving distance from campus: 40 mins
Features: Lake Champlain, swimming, kayak rentals, hiking, and picnic tables
Nearby attractions: Vergennes, VT (Vergennes Laundry, lulu Ice Cream, Shacksbury Cider

## Branbury State Park @ Lake Dunmore

Driving distance from campus:
20 mins
Features: sand beach, hiking, kayak/paddleboard rentals on site
Nearby attractions: Paddler's Pub, Kampersville Deli, Blueberry Hill

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## Today's Programming

### Time for Togetherness featuring wines from California
5-6pm Barn

Come to the Barn before dinner to enjoy a selection of wines from California alongside cheese, appetizers, and the superb company of your Bread Loaf Vermont community. Cheers!

### Belonging Student Discussion
7-8pm Barn 102

Our Wednesday evening Belonging Sessions are an opportunity to engage in activism in teaching. If you want to be a part of the resistance in our current socio-political moment through activist teaching and student advocacy, come and be in community with us and help to push our plans forward.

### "One Million Rising" Webinar w/Prof Choi & Prof Sanchez
8-9:30pm Barn

"One Million Rising" focuses on learning how to organize against authoritarianism. These events will teach organizing tactics that people can use in their own communities. We will host two events in the barn and allow space for people to discuss what they have learned afterwards.

Click this link to learn more about "One Million Rising".

# Weekend Preview

**What's the Story? The Young Filmmakers' Social Action Team**
**Voices in Action: A Showcase of Student Films**
**Fri., 7/18, 7:00 PM - The Barn**

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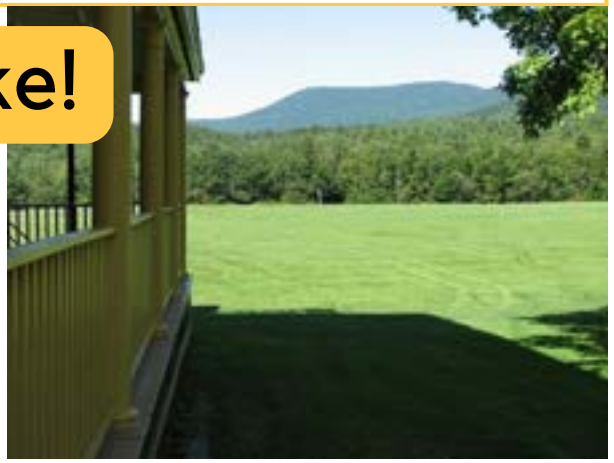

This Saturday, we will hike to the ridge line of Bread Loaf Mountain. According to AllTrails.com, "Skylight Pond Trail is an out and back trail that covers 4.7 miles taking approximately 3-3.5 hours to complete with an elevation gain of 1,482 feet." A bit steep, I deem it a moderately challenging hike.

Have you ever wondered why our school is called "Bread Loaf"?! Hike to the ridge line of our namesake mountain! Maybe it will look more loaf-like from the top?

Bring a couple layers (one of which should be waterproof), comfortable treads, at least one water bottle, and pack a hearty lunch in the dining hall (starting at 9:30) before we leave from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 AM. We will return by dinner.
Please sign up at the Front Desk to express your interest.

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Next Tuesday (7/22 @12:45pm), please gather in the Barn to learn more about the various places your Bread Loaf summers can take you.

**If you've spent a summer of study off the mountain, please join us to offer your thoughts to those considering other options!**

## Today's Programming

| Students of Color Meeting 7-8pm | Pre-Pond Reception 8:30-9:30pm | Pond Reading 9:30-11pm |
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| This week's meeting will take place in the Blue Parlour. | Gather in the Barn for snackies and beverages prior to this week's Pond Reading.<br>Bring your IDs!! | This week's pond reading is sponsored by the Bread Loaf Teacher Network! We will remain in the Barn. |

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Fri July 18 11am-12:30pm
Barn 101

## Forest Bathing

"Whether you call it a fitness trend or a mindfulness practice (or a bit of both), what exactly is forest bathing? The term emerged in Japan in the 1980s as a physiological and psychological exercise called shinrin-yoku ("forest bathing" or "taking in the forest atmosphere"). The purpose was twofold: to offer an eco-antidote to tech-boom burnout and to inspire residents to reconnect with and protect the country's forests."-National Geographic

Meet outside Barn East at 10am on Friday the 18th to join this rejuvenating excursion!

## The Root of Awareness Vocal Workshop

Acting Ensemble Member and Voice & Speech Professor Cherie Corinne Rice will lead two workshops based on her new book, *The Root Of Awareness: Tools to Ground and Grow Vocal and Physical Communication.*

We'll learn the secrets of public speaking through the lens of human energy systems including vocal/ physical warm-ups and tips & tricks typically only reserved for actors and performers. We'll move our bodies, make sound and prepare a path for healthy cathartic release. Feel free to attend one or both sessions to improve your practice. All are welcome!

Fri July 18 9:30am-11:30am & Sat July 19 1pm-3 pm
Barn 102

**Bookstore Announcement**

ATTN: Faculty books will remain available for purchase until the end of this week!
As a reminder, the bookstore hours are:
Mon: 9-12
Tues: 2-5
Weds: 9-12 & 2-5
Thurs: 2-5
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### What's the Story? A Showcase of Student Films 7-9:30pm

You're warmly invited to attend the What's the Story? The Young Filmmakers' Social Action Team film and program showcase this **Friday evening, July 18, from 7:00–9:30 PM in the Barn**. This culminating event features powerful excerpts from a wide range of youth-created documentaries focused on social issues that matter to them and their communities. Filmmakers will introduce each piece and engage in short Q&A sessions at the end of each block of films. This is a celebration of youth voice, civic engagement, and digital storytelling—made possible through a yearlong, place-based program that brings together students from across seven states this past year to research, film, edit, and share stories that seek to make a difference. You can view the Film Showcase agenda and program here.

# Welcome Young Filmmakers!

**What's the Story? The Young Filmmakers' Social Action Team**
**Voices in Action: A Showcase of Student Films**
**Fri., 7/18, 7:00 PM - The Barn**

In addition to the Friday night showcase, the What's the Story? youth and site-leaders will be on campus throughout the day Friday and Saturday. All members of the Bread Loaf community are welcome to join us for any part of our working sessions—whether you're interested in screening full-length student films, listening to in-progress reflections, or sitting in on team-led conversations about the filmmaking and learning process. You can find the full agenda and session descriptions here. We hope you'll take advantage of this chance to engage with youth who are doing deeply thoughtful, community-centered work.

Feel free to reach out to Program Director and BLSE '07 alum Tim O'Leary with any questions at whatsthestoryvt@gmail.com or by cell at 802-881-9956. www.whatsthestoryvt.com

## Saturday's Dance Theme: Literary Characters!

### Eminent Literary Dances

- Fitzgerald's roaring 20's parties in *The Great Gatsby*
- Nella Larsen's Harlem dance in *Passing*
- Austen's ballrooms
- Shakespeare's masquerade in *Romeo and Juliet*
- Stephen King's Prom in *Carrie*

Check out "Buy Again Alley" in downtown Middlebury for consignment items to compose or complete your ensemble!

DJ Tim is back!

### Saturday Hike: Bread Loaf Mountain and Skylight Pond

This Saturday, we will hike to the ridge line of Bread Loaf Mountain. According to AllTrails.com, "Skylight Pond Trail is an out and back trail that covers 4.7 miles taking approximately 3-3.5 hours to complete with an elevation gain of 1,482 feet." A bit steep, I deem it a moderately challenging hike. Bring a couple layers (one of which should be waterproof), comfortable treads, at least one water bottle, and pack a hearty lunch in the dining hall (starting at 9:30) before we leave from the Inn Front Porch at 10:00 AM. We will return by dinner. Please sign up at the Front Desk to express your interest.

### Sunday: Blue Parlour

Writers ! Poets ! Essayists ! People capable of holding a pen !

Blue Parlor returns this Sunday with a guest host - yours truly - Nick Miller! Bring up to 8-10 minutes of prose, poetry, or something else involving words to share with your literary minded peers. If you have not read yet this year (or ever), we invite you to give yourself a shot; there is nothing better for writers than just being with other writers.

This week's theme - to be adhered to as liberally as one pleases - is "Timber". We will see you Sunday, at 8:30 in the barn!

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### Faculty Reading and Booksigning: Susan Choi

7:30-9pm

If you were on campus two years ago, you may have experienced the viscerally stunning preview of Susan Choi's novel in progress: *Flashlight*.

Published just last month, Susan will again read from her epic tale of family, identity, homeland, historical trauma, and more. Please gather to hear Professor Choi share a new selection from her latest work and stick around to purchase a signed copy!

Here's Susan's interview with NPR's Scott Simon if you'd like a glimpse of the novel prior to this evening's reading.

Already thinking about where you'll study next summer? From the lush Green Mountains in Ripton, the seal studded coast of Monterey, the towering spires of Oxford, to the comfort of your own home...there's a lot to consider!

On Tuesday (7/22 @12:45pm), please gather in the Barn to learn more about the various places your Bread Loaf summers can take you.

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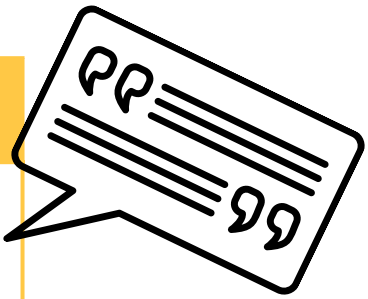
## Library Announcement!



**Need help with citations for your papers?** Need a refresher on how to properly use in-text citations and compile a works cited page? The library can help! Visit go/cite/ (or go.middlebury.edu/cite/ for off-campus access) for Middlebury's Citation & Style Guide. It will answer your burning questions on how to cite all manner of print and online resources in MLA, APA, or other styles. Please reach out to the library staff on duty at Davison (or on the main campus) as well -- we're happy to help!

## A Request from your Editor:

Want to see yourself and your friends in the dining hall slideshow?! Send me your photos! Thanks to those who have sent me snapshots already!

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### BLTN Meeting
7-8:15pm

This week we will be joined by educator and scholar Cindy Ballenger, who will lead us in a discussion on teacher inquiry, based on her most recent book of the same name.

We are also delighted to have BLSE/BLTN alum and BLTN Journal assistant editor Kurt Ostrow who will lead us in a discussion of "Teachers Writing about Teaching." Kurt, a high school teacher in Philadelphia, is a prolific essayist.

All in the Bread Loaf community are welcome.

# Wellness Feature: It's Blueberry Season!

Spend a few hours enjoying a quintessential Vermont activity at one of these picking sites!

## Pelkey's Blueberries

Located: Charlotte, VT (website here)

Notes: Pay by the pound, rows of pick your own, buckets/bags provided, M-F 8am-6pm & Sat/Sun 9am-4pm.

Nearby attractions: Charlotte Village Winery, The Brick Store, Shelburne farmer's market, Lake Champlain

## Blueberry Hill Farm

Located: Williamstown, VT (website here)

Notes: Pay by the pint, cash/venmo only, open 7 days a week 9am-8pm.

Nearby attractions: Good Measure Pub & Brewery, The Meltdown Grilled Cheese and Tap Room, Montpelier

## Goshen Blueberry Management Area

Located: Hancock, VT

Notes: Wild blueberries, bring your own containers, wear good footwear and bug-proof clothing as you will not have neat rows but rather create your own path among the bushes!

Nearby attractions: Lake Dunmore/Branbury State Park, Silver Lake and hiking trails, Neshobe River Winery

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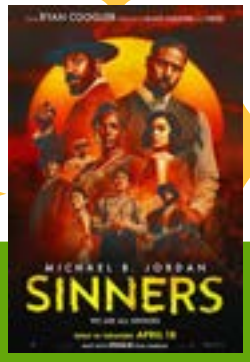


### Time for Togetherness: Chocolates from Vermont
5-6pm

Gather in the Barn before dinner to sample a variety of chocolates made here in Vermont! Wine will be served and cheer will overflow!

### Belonging Discussion
POSTPONED

Everyone please enjoy the Togetherness event of "Chocolates from Vermont" and the film screening of "Sinners" in the barn. Spend this next week gathering materials and **next Wednesday, July 30 will be our final meeting for Belonging at Bread Loaf.** We will post materials and make our Breadweb group live. Let's make it a big event! All are welcome!

### Movie Night: *Sinners*
8:15-11pm

What's better than Michael B. Jordan? TWO Michael B. Jordans!!

Head back to the Barn tonight to watch this year's much talked about thriller which includes key scenes of merriment and horror...in a barn...truly a one of a kind viewing opportunity!

There will be a post-screening discussion tomorrow evening to debrief the film's social commentary and more!

## Tomorrow: *Sinners* Dialogue

In 2025's breakout film Sinners, Michael B. Jordan plays two twin brothers returning to the Mississippi Delta from Chicago in 1932. Back home, they discover that evil can have many faces. The film puts the blues in direct conversation with music traditions across time and place. This is a dialogue we hope you'll join us in tomorrow (Thursday 7/24) from 6-7 in Room 102 right next door. This will be a peer-led conversation open to anyone who simply wants to discuss the film further in a more structured setting. There will be food and drinks provided, as well as an open discussion and gallery walk to follow!

If you're interested, check out NPR's review of *Sinners* by Aisha Harris in preparation for the conversation!

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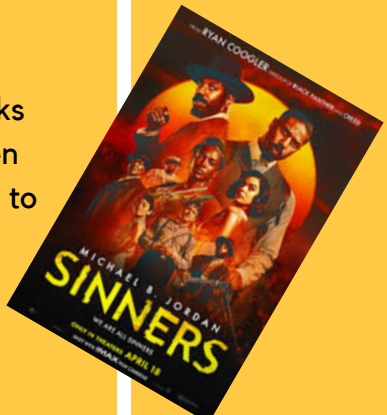


### Pre-Pond Reception "Lake Pleiad" Film Screening & Pond Reading!
8:30-11pm

Gather at 8:30 in the Barn for drinks and snacks.

At 9pm, we'll be screening the short film *Lake Pleaid* before the pond reading. Last summer over 70 members of the Bread Loaf community were involved in the filmmaking as actors, crew and technical support. Tonight will be the first-ever screening of the film! Brief Q&A to follow.

After the film, stick around for the Pond Reading in the Barn-this week's reading is hosted by the Students of Color!

# Friday Workshop Previews!

9am-12pm

## Paper Making Workshop

We will be hosting a local printmaker named John Vincent, from A Revolutionary Press in New Haven, Vermont. We will have a set up where students can stop by anytime between 9 -12 AM to make a sheet of paper from recycled t-shirts and pull a print on premade handmade paper to leave with. No registration required and feel free to come before/after other workshops!

*The workshop will be held in the Tent unless it thunders, in which case it will move to Barn East.*

Moved to Barn 008!!!

11AM-12:30PM

## Beyond the Page: Awakening Creativity in the Classroom w/ Craig Maravich.

How does our teaching, curricular design, and relationships with students change when we embrace our creativity and see ourselves as artists in the classroom?

This workshop explores this question and invites us to experience how the unlocking of our creativity can transform the ways we teach and build trust in the classroom. Using the tools of theatre and facilitation practices, this is an opportunity to reflect on our own teaching and think about building these capacities in our own classrooms. We will collaborate, experiment and share approaches that we can bring back to our students.
**Arts or performance experience of any kind is NOT necessary.*

9:30-11:30AM

## Teaching and Learning in an AI World w/Barbara Black

Now is a challenging time for education—especially for humanities teachers. How does one navigate the era of Generative AI? What sorts of challenges does ChatGPT present for writing and reading in particular? This workshop gives us the space to discuss our work, to reflect on our commitment to literary studies as well as our sense of our own humanity and human-ness, and to share strategies for the classroom. Working together, we'll discuss a couple shared (but optional) readings sent in advance. We'll also take a look at the steps some educational institutions have taken in light of this new technology, to ask, what do we think? This gathering aims to be both practical and philosophical in scope.

<u>Here are some questions we might wish to tackle:</u>
-What is the purpose of education, especially in an era when one can get the "product" of knowledge or information so easily?
-What kinds of people do we want our students to be?
-What are their values, and what are ours?
-What is the value of the human brain, and is it important to preserve something that is human-based or human-created?
-What does it mean to be human?
-Who benefits from GenAI, and what are this tool's advantages and limitations?

1-3PM

## Become a Podcasting Star (or Teach Your Students How To)

Podcasting has become one of the most popular, intelligent, and powerful mediums for reaching a wide audience. In this workshop, you'll learn how to produce your own podcast—or better still, how to have your students turn out a broadcast-ready and creative product for their classroom work. Just wait 'til they hear themselves!

**<u>Topics Covered:</u>**

- Finding your podcast topic(s)
- Developing and conducting interviews
- Effective recording
- Introduction to editing sound files
- Planning the components and scope of your podcast

Fellow Bread Loaf student Ron Schachter brings 25 years as a national correspondent for National Public Radio, while teaching college journalism along the way. Stop by for a look and a listen. **If you did not attend the 1st workshop of the summer, you are still welcome to join and gain new skills!** Those who were in attendance at the first session will build upon what we learned.

Please bring a cell phone and a laptop. (We'll have the free sound-editing software Audacity <u>https://www.audacityteam.org/download/</u> installed on the Apple Cellar desktops, but you'll have a leg up if you also install it on your laptop.)

3-4PM

## Arboreal Tour w/Tim Parsons

Join me as we wander the grounds of the Bread Loaf campus, talking about our arboreal friends and learning what they can teach us about themselves, and ourselves as well. We'll wander around the grounds of the campus, identifying trees, looking at the historical landscape, and I'll take the opportunity to ask y'all what you'd like to see for future landscaping as I start to develop a master landscape plan for Bread Loaf.

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### Morning Workshops!

9-11
Ron Schachter: Podcasting 101

9-12
Paper making (Tent)

9:30-11:30
Barbara Black: Teaching in an AI World (Barn 101)

11-12:30
Craig Maravich: Beyond the Page (Barn 008)

### Arboreal Tour
3-4pm

Meet out front of the Barn to get a unique tour of Bread Loaf's campus from under the boughs of our historic trees. Tour led by Tim Parsons.

### Robert Frost Cabin Tour and Picnic
5-7pm
**WEATHER PERMITTING!!**

See the historic cabin where famous poet and Bread Loaf legend Robert Frost lived and wrote while in Ripton! Tours will begin at 4:45 on a rolling basis.

**Note that dinner will only be served at the Frost cabin tonight!** To get there, either snag a ride on one of the shuttles departing from the Inn porch beginning at 4:15pm, walk down the shoulder of 125 and turn right on Frost rd, or drive yourself/carpool!
*If you are taking your own vehicle please note that you may not park on Frost Rd! Park on the wayside and walk up the driveway or wait for a shuttle to bring you from the bottom of the hill up to the cabin.*

### Music Night: The Bridport Fireflies Bluegrass PLUS mask making!
8:30-10:30pm

Gather in the Barn for a night of bluegrass music!

Masks and decorating supplies will be available for folks to get crafty and prepare for Saturday's dance!

# Weekend Activities

## White River Float OR Swim
## Saturday 10am-4pm

Vermont River Tubing reports that river conditions for an otherwise relaxing "lazy river-like" experience are "low and slow." If it does not rain tonight, business is suspended. Given that Saturday's forecast is like today's weather, we will venture to a watering hole, Bristol Falls, to cool off and grab a creemee. Deadlines are tight but treat yourself to some refreshing environs to get back into your work. Whether tubing or swimming, bring shoes that can get wet, a bathing suit, sunscreen, a water bottle, and money (20$ per tube/creemee cash). Feel free to pack a lunch at 9:30 AM in the Dining Hall before we leave from the Inn Front Porch at 10. We will return well before dinner.

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# Saturday's Dance Theme: Masquerade!

Decorate a mask on Friday night in the Barn during the Bluegrass performance OR there will be mask making and board games on Saturday afternoon!

DJ Tim's final performance!!

## Blue Parlour
## Sunday 8:30-10pm

Sunday night is the last Blue Parlor of the summer. As always, it's in the Barn from 8:30-10pm. This week's theme is Bacchanalia. Bring your stories, poems, essays, and songs of wine, hedonism, wine, revelry, wine, sexdrugsrockandroll, wine, etc. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria. It's gonna be a big party.

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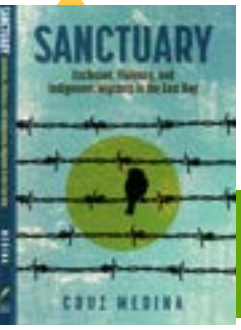
## Last Call: T-Shirts Are Here!

**$15 per shirt-cash or check only.**

**Pickups on the Inn porch:**

**Monday the 28th from noon – 1:30 pm**




## Today's Programming

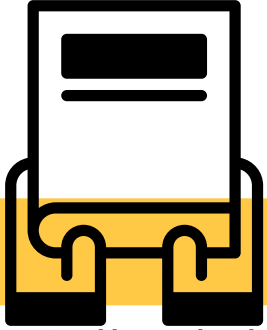
**Faculty Reading and Booksigning: Cruz Medina**

7:30-9pm

Professor Cruz Medina's genre-expansive *Sanctuary* turns its attention to a group of Guatemalan migrants in Northern California. Given President Trump's increased efforts in the deportation of undocumented immigrants—*Sanctuary* is a timely project. It raises awareness of the diversity within migrant communities that can often be overlooked in schools even with high Latinx populations, highlighting how students face unseen legal and economic barriers even when supported by well-meaning educators.

Click here for a short video preview of *Sanctuary*.

Cruz will read a short excerpt from his book, field audience questions, and stick around for a booksigning.



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**Returning library books, research & citation help, and library access after the summer**

- You can return your library books from all branches (including interlibrary loan items) at the Davison (Bread Loaf) library.
- Remember that we can help you with any final research or citation questions -- in person or via go/askus/ and go/cite/
- If you've re-enrolled for next summer, your access to online library materials will continue through the school year even when you're off-campus. Simply visit the Library homepage (go.middlebury.edu/library/) to begin your search for library materials. Don't forget your Midd credentials, which you'll need to access online resources.

## AI Workshop Follow-up

Hey Bread Loaf! Check out our helpful archive built as a follow-up to Friday's workshop "Teaching and Learning in an AI World." Search for those terms on BreadWeb or use this link to access the archive.

Workshop folks, you'll find digital copies of all our materials, plus some new matter including a range of sample AI policies for your classes and a reading list. Also, be sure to read the record of our fascinating answers to the workshop's opening provocations. And to everyone, you'll see an editable doc that we hope will function as a living text, where our community can share reading suggestions and strategies for the fall. Email Tom McKenna if you're having trouble finding this archive because it's yours to explore and build!

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STRATEGIC NON-COOPERATION TO FIGHT AUTHORITARIANISM
JOIN OUR TRAINING SERIES TO TURN
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## Wednesday Night: One Million Rising Session 2!

This Wednesday night in the Barn from 8-9:30 join James Sanchez and Susan Choi as they host a viewing party of Part 2 of One Million Rising: Strategic Non-Cooperation to Fight Authoritarianism, brought to you by the folks who organised the No Kings events earlier this year. Click here for the website.

They say: "Across the country, authoritarian forces are getting bolder and more dangerous. Trump and his allies are not hiding their agenda: mass deportations, rollbacks of civil rights, weaponized courts, and full-scale attacks on our democracy. We don't have to wait until it's too late. We can stop this. But it'll take all of us—not just on single days of mass action, but through sustained organizing in our communities.

That's why this summer, we're launching One Million Rising—a national effort to train one million people in the strategic logic and practice of non-cooperation, as well as the basics of community organizing and campaign design. This is how we build people power that can't be ignored. You're invited to join us—and lead.

Let's build a force bigger than fear and louder than hate. Let's get ready. Let's get organized. Let's stop Trump."

**Did you miss Session 1?** It's not too late to join us - just watch the recording here! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4496VWDjwS0

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### BLTN Meeting and Reception

7:30-9pm

The Bread Loaf Teacher Network will have its final meeting of the summer on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Barn. We will feature our BLTN fellow Angela Brazil, engage in reflection on our summer 2025 activities, and present collaborative project pitches. We will also salute our 2025 graduates.

# A Week of Bread Loaf Theater!

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## Solo Performance Presentations Sunday 1:30pm in the Little Theater

The 6 students in this summer's Solo Performance class have each written and rehearsed a one-person ( though not necessarily one character) play. The pieces are fictional stories for the stage, told through heightened language and everyday speech, music, multiple languages, and often multiple characters.

Presentations:
-Sarah E. H. Crawford "Santa Giustina"
-Bobby C. Harley "Culturally Inappropriate"
-Michael O'Connor "Vinny"
-A. Marisa Harris "Paper Dolls"
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-Brandon Daly "Alfie's First Show"

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Professor Susan Choi whose latest novel *Flashlight* was long listed yesterday for the **2025 Booker Prize**! See the full list here and read the spotlight on Susan's book here.

## Today's Programming

### Time for Togetherness featuring teas from England
5-6pm Barn

Come to the Barn before dinner to enjoy a selection of teas from England alongside cheese, appetizers, and the superb company of your Bread Loaf Vermont communitea. Cheers!

### Belonging Student Discussion
7-8pm Barn 102

Our Wednesday evening Belonging Sessions are an opportunity to engage in activism in teaching. If you want to be a part of the resistance in our current socio-political moment through activist teaching and student advocacy, come and be in community with us and help to push our plans forward.

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Click this link to learn more about "One Million Rising".

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**The 2025 Bread Loaf Journals are here!**
Pick up your copy and get excited for the Journal Reception on Monday night!
Congrats to this year's editors, Cleo and Andy, on assembling such a spectacular compilation.

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### *Curse of the House of Atreus*
7:30-10pm

A brilliant blend of personal and epic tragedy, come see this fantastic show! The performances run from July 31st to August 3rd at 7:30pm in the Little Theatre. No tickets are required; seating will be first come, first serve. If you have any accessibility needs, email us at BLBoxOffice@middlebury.edu.

# Weekend Activities

## Saturday Excursion:
## Blueberry Hill Hiking and Berry Picking

Starting at the trailhead of the mountain resort Blueberry Inn, we will enjoy an easy hike until we arrive at the managed hillsides of thousands of fruiting bushes. Meander through the luscious growth while hunting for the ripest blue-, rasp-, and blackberries, all the while taking in panoramic views of the Green Mountains around you. Pack a picnic lunch in the Dining Hall and be ready to depart from the Inn Front Porch at 10 am. The fields are only ten minutes away, so take a break and get some last glimpses of Vermont.

## The Writing Center is Open!

BLSE Peer Readers are standing by, ready to help with your big final paper, project, or presentation. Brainstorming? Drafting? Editing? We're here for you.

Schedule your first session today! Either: 1. Scan this QR Code

or click this link (https://bit.ly/3IVPiJU) and reserve an hour; or

2. Stop by the Writing Center during our walk-in hours: Monday through Saturday, 1:00p - 4:00p or ***6:00p*** - ***8:00p***.

## Solo Performance Presentations
## Sunday 1:30pm in the Little Theater

The 6 students in this summer's Solo Performance class have each written and rehearsed a one-person ( though not necessarily one character) play. The pieces are fictional stories for the stage, told through heightened language and everyday speech, music, multiple languages, and often multiple characters.

Presentations:

-Sarah E. H. Crawford "Santa Giustina"
-Bobby C. Harley "Culturally Inappropriate"
-Michael O'Connor "Vinny"
-A. Marisa Harris "Paper Dolls"
-Angelo Gooch "That Which Should Not Be"
-Brandon Daly "Alfie's First Show"

## Stephen Thorne Presents:
## "Meet You on the Moon"-a preview.
## Sunday 3-5pm in the Little Theater

Come see a preview of Stephen's new play! The play is inspired by 50's B movie sci-fi and is about love and memory and identity and other gooey green stuff. The reading will feature members of the Bread Loaf acting ensemble. All are welcome!

## CROWDSOURCING PROP DESIGN- from Angela Brazil

I need your help! I'm directing a play this fall in Providence immediately after Bread Loaf. In *Every Brilliant Thing*, the narrator tells a story to and with the audience: the story of why he made a list for his mom of every brilliant thing that exists in the world. It's a gorgeous play. And it's funny! How lucky am I that Stephen Thorne will play the narrator?

Parts of the list will be given to the audience. The narrator will call on them to read aloud as part of the play. The list is simple, and unironic. It begins with 1. Ice cream

From Tuesday dinner through Sunday dinner I'll have a table with art supplies & instructions set up in the Dining Hall. Stop by and take a micro study break and help us make the list! We'd love knowing that BL is onstage with us

↑ Departures

## Front Desk Announcement: Departure Slips!

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Please fill out a departure slip at the front desk by the end of this week so that we know your plans. Guests accommodations for graduation and meal planning depend on our understanding of how many folks are on campus and which rooms are available! Thank you!!

*All Bread Loaf School of English program events are open to all interested students, faculty, and staff*